

**Mira Mesa Community Planning Group
Draft Meeting Minutes 8/16/21**

Date/Time: Monday, August 16, 2021, 7:00pm

Location: Remote access meeting.

Call to Order/Confirm quorum at 7:02pm

Attendees: Kent Lee, Andrew Miklusicak, Lillith Nover, Craig Jackson, Ralph Carolin, Jon Labaw, Bari Vaz, Jeff Stevens, Dorothy Lorenz, Craig Radke, Harkishan Parekh, Mary Lightcap, Marvin Miles, Justin Mandelbaum and Mike Linton.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments, None
2. Modifications to the Agenda, None
3. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes - 14 in attendance approved, plus a quorum was reached.
4. Report of the Chair. Mail:
 - a. Notice of a draft EIR for Blueprint San Diego, a program to speed up housing construction by speeding up EIR's for Community Plan Updates. Stevens submitted comment on the draft EIR scoping asking for evaluation of the impacts if public facilities and transit are not built together with the new housing.
 - b. Preliminary Bond Authorization for affordable housing at 3Roots. Sent link to MMCPG members.
 - c. Notice of "Offline Review" for a pipeline segment on Carroll Canyon Road near I-805. Sent to members for review. Are there any comments or objections to approving? None received.
 - d. CPC presentation on ADU ordinance – on agenda.
 - e. 3Roots PA 13 & 14 Substantial Conformance Review assessment letter. Already approved by MMCPG.
 - f. NORA for special event permit for Mira Mesa Street Fair October 2.
5. Old Business
 - a. Community Plan Update – Alex Frost (Action) There was a Mira Mesa Community Plan Update subcommittee meeting at 5:30 PM prior to this meeting. Alex provided an update and review of meeting earlier today at 5:30pm.
 - b. Capital Improvement Program – The MMCPG Chair asked for an approval from the group of our most critical project needs to be communicated to the planning department. His recommendations are: 1) Expansion of the Mira Mesa community park, 2) A new field at Wangenheim and 3) Improvements to Salk park. These are the short-term priorities for projects already in progress. In addition there are two critical projects not yet started: 4) recreation center in the planned park approved as part of the 3Roots project. 5) completion of the missing link of Carroll Canyon Rd at El Camino Memorial Park. Motion to approve these make by Craig Jackson to agree with this list, and the motion was followed by a second from Bari Vaz. Vote taken by MMCPG and all 14 in attendance approved.
6. New Business
 - a. County Epicentre project – David Norgard from the county of SD parks and rec presented. For additional information: marcus.lubich@sdcounty.ca.gov, 858.378.3878.

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Doing outreach and asking for desired uses.

- b. Aquila (3Roots) – Aaron Denton replaced by Tim Baker presenting. Affordable housing presentation related to the 3Roots project. The affordable housing is replacing the Senior housing that was in the earlier presentations. 180 units total. 24 612 sf one bedroom, 79 810 sf two bedroom, 77 1100 sf three bedroom units. Rent will be \$728-\$1455 for those who qualify. Qualification is 30-60% of area median income. 240 parking spaces. Planning commission end of August, City Council end of October, construction start January. Completion in 20 months. Cost \$82 million.
- c. Accessory Dwelling Units – Lisa Sinclair and it was presented by Geoffrey Hueter. City rules for ADU's allow many more units to be built than required by State law. For additional information: Geoffrey Hueter, Chair, Neighbors For A Better San Diego. NFABSD.org Better4SD@gmail.com and GEOFF_HUETER@HOTMAIL.COM. He provided the following link to tonight's NFABSD presentation:
https://24177d05-6343-4dee-b81f1f65b033ba25.usrfiles.com/ugd/24177d_f824aec3a63047c589a821101be9ce98.pdf
- d. San Diego Pure Water Program Update – Presented by Craig Jackson. There will be disruption on Miramar Road during construction. Full report next month. Justin Mandelbaum asked if a bike lane could be added on the south side of Miramar Road as part of this project.

7. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

- a. United States Congress – California 52nd District- None present
- b. California Senate – District 39- Diana Lara. Their office continues to help with unemployment claims. State budget funding was approved, and additional stimulus checks to be distributed in September. SB9 and 10 was addressed by Stopher Vallejo. He can be reached at: Stopher Vallejo at the Office of Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins Christopher.Vallejo@sen.ca.gov. These bills address the housing crisis in Calif. SB9 allows up to 4 units to be built on a single family lot, overriding local zoning. SB10 allows up to 10 units to be built on single family lot, but is subject to local participation.
- c. California Assembly – District 77. None.
- d. San Diego County – Board of Supervisors District 3 Amanda Berry who supports Terra Lawson-Remer. Relief funds are available for residents to apply for. The county has grant funding available for neighborhood groups and non-profits for events that qualify. She can be reached at: amanda.berry@sdcounty.ca.gov
Sign up for more updates from the County via our newsletter at:
<http://tiny.cc/BOSd3Updates>
Apply for small business grants here:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/stimulusgrant.html>
Be Fire-Ready by registering for Alert San Diego here:
<https://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/>
Download the SD Emergency App for emergency updates, interactive maps & checklists:
<https://www.readysandiego.org/SDEmergencyApp/>
Join or start a neighborhood Fire Safe Council. <http://firesafesdcounty.org/>
- e. San Diego – Mayor's Office (See report submitted attached)
- f. San Diego – City Council District 6, Chris Cate's office represented by Luis Pallera who can be reached at: LPallera@sandiego.gov. Gold coast and Parkdale repaving were

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finally approved by City Council.

8. Announcements:

- a) Mary Lightcap announced that she is being replaced by Tiffany English, Sr. Director of Architecture, from Qualcomm. This will require a vote at the next meeting and will be placed on the agenda in September.

9. Reports

- a. Community Planners Committee. Update by Jeff Stevens. Last meeting: City ADU Ordinance; Parks Master Plan update. Next meeting – Blueprint San Diego.
- b. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee. Presented by Pam Stevens. LPCPCAC chair Frank Landis wrote detailed letter on problems with El Cuervo Phase 2 and how to improve it.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

Report from the office of the Mayor as provided by Michaela Valk.

New Director of Homelessness Strategies and Solutions

- On July 20th, Mayor Gloria announced that Hafsa Kaka (pronounced KAY-ka) will be the Director of the new Department of Homelessness Strategies and Solutions. She started on August 9.
- Kaka has more than 15 years of experience in homeless, mental health, and social services. Most recently, she was a Homeless Solutions Officer for the City of Riverside and a Homeless Services Manager for the City of Santa Ana.
- In June, Mayor Gloria created the Department of Homelessness Strategies and Solutions to standardize the City's approach to homelessness across administrations and prioritize efforts to reduce homelessness. This was a recommendation from expert Matthew Doherty's report on the City's homelessness strategies

Concentrated Homelessness Outreach Program Downtown

- On June 27th Mayor Gloria kicked off the first concentrated homelessness outreach program in order to connect unsheltered residents to housing, shelter and services.
- This program is coordinated by the San Diego Housing Commission, outreach teams contracted with the City of San Diego, along with public- and behavioral-health specialists working for or contracted with the County of San Diego.
- Over four weeks, these outreach teams will target the Downtown area to begin to make what could be a series of contacts with struggling residents and help bring them into immediately available shelter. At the shelter they will receive individualized supportive services, in efforts to create a path toward permanent housing.
- **Update:** As of July 23, the first phase of the program is complete.
 - Staff interacted with a total of 2,095 clients, **enrolling 336 in outreach case management.**
 - **476 clients entered shelters**, including 384 single adults, 52 families, and 40 transition-age youth.
 - **751 were referred to County of San Diego Behavioral Health Screenings**, in partnership with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and MHS (Mental Health Systems).
 - **151 COVID-19 vaccines** were administered: 106 by the County of San Diego and 45 by San Ysidro Health.
- For more info please visit this [press release](#) from our office.

Homes for All of Us

- On July 19th, Mayor Gloria announced "Homes For All of Us," an initiative package aimed at creating affordable homes for all San Diego residents.
- These major initiatives are run through the City's Planning Department. They include:
 - **Blueprint San Diego:** Shortens Community Plan Update completion dates from four to five years to two to three years. These changes will advance local housing opportunities and infrastructure improvements.
 - The public can learn more at www.sandiego.gov/blueprintsd.
 - **Middle Income Housing Working Group:** This new volunteer group will develop incentives to build more housing for families earning 80% to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
 - **Affordable Housing Protection for Communities:** Requires new projects on residential sites to replace affordable units and provide affected residents with affordable housing options.
- Homes for All of Us initiatives will also incentivize housing that...
 - is at City facilities or on underused commercial sites
 - is near transit, including auto-oriented locations and bus/trolley stops

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- is in communities with little to no affordable housing
- is ADA-accessible for disabled/older individuals
- includes single-room occupancy (SRO) units for unhoused individuals
- includes live/work units to promote working from home
- includes 3+ bedroom units for families
- Current City housing programs can be found in the Housing Affordability Toolkit.
- **Please note:** The release of the plan is in its early draft and the City's Planning Department is hosting several community workshops to discuss how to best implement these proposals within the City's Municipal Code. You can sign up for the workshop here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/lcd-updates>.

Mayor Gloria's Infrastructure Plan

- Mayor Gloria announced his \$145 million dollar infrastructure plan to fund critical transportation, stormwater, parks and recreation, City facilities and technology projects in the upcoming fiscal year that begin next month on July 1st.
- Under the Mayor's plan, the City will use \$293 million in debt proceeds to help finance a lengthy list of projects.
- The funding breaks down into seven categories:
 - **Public safety:** \$97.7 million
 - This funding will be used to replace radio equipment (\$56.4 million) and 34 heavy-duty fire trucks (\$41.3 million).
 - **Mobility and transportation:** \$59.4 million
 - Nearly half of funding for transportation upgrades (\$28.4 million) will go to Mayor Gloria's "Sexy Streets" initiative
 - The Mayor has asked members of the City Council (see "City Council Items") to provide lists of priority street and road projects to be considered for Sexy Streets funding.
 - **Environmental services:** \$50.4 million
 - This funding will allow the City to implement a new refuse and recycling collection system to comply with state requirements to recycle organic waste.
 - **Stormwater:** \$49.6 million
 - **Parks and recreation:** \$20.7 million
 - **City facilities:** \$14.7 million
 - **Information technology:** \$550,000
- **Additional projects slated to receive funding include:**
 - **Council District 6**
 - \$11 million to reconstruct Gold Coast Drive and Parkdale Avenue in Mira Mesa
 - \$1.6 million for Hickman Fields Athletic Area in Kearny Mesa
- The financing plan was presented to the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in a special on June 24th before going to the full City Council for consideration at the end of July. On August 2, it was approved by Council.

City Council Unanimously Approves Mayor Gloria's \$10M Small Business COVID Relief Plan

- On August 9 the Mayor officially launched this \$12 million grant program.
 - Applications for this funding will be open between Aug. 11 and Sept. 24, with grants awarded by the San Diego Foundation shortly thereafter.
 - Small businesses located in, and nonprofits serving residents of, the City of San Diego can view eligibility requirements and apply at SDReliefGrant.com.